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WRITING DEMOCRACY CHALLENGE 2026

A 90-minute letter-writing challenge
for NSW public school students in Years 7-10

TUE 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRACY DAY

IN-SCHOOL

Give students a real-world voice in democracy.

Students explore important social issues, sharpen persuasive writing skills, and learn how democratic participation works in practice by writing a letter proposing a solution to an issue that matters to them.

WHO

Years 7-10 students in
NSW public high schools

FORMAT

90-minute in-school
Challenge window

PROVIDED

Videos, instructions and
letter-writing template

FINAL WORKSHOP

Selected students attend
a Final Workshop at
NSW Parliament House

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Students watch preparation videos on democracy, persuasion and advocacy.
- 2 Students write a persuasive letter to the NSW Department of Education or their local council.
- 3 Teachers nominate students from Stage 4 and Stage 5 for the Final Workshop.
- 4 Prizes are awarded to winning students at the Final Workshop.

FINAL WORKSHOP: WED 18 NOV 2026

**REGISTER YOUR
SCHOOL'S INTEREST**

<https://forms.office.com/r/hCMMiGcjGa>



Questions?

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